number managing apparatus, characterized in that said identification number is in compliance with IEEE1212 Standard.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17:

Yet still another aspect of the present invention is the IEEE1394 equipment which works together with an identification number managing apparatus, characterized in comprising means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 24 and ending at page 7, line 6.

Please replace the section beginning at page 7, line 6:

A further aspect of the present invention is an identification number managing method, comprising:

Please replace the section beginning at page 7, line 24:

A still further aspect of the present invention is the invention mentioned above, characterized in that said plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment are configured as one product,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5:

A yet further aspect of the present invention is the invention mentioned above, characterized in that said identification number is in compliance with IEEE1212 Standard.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9:

A still yet further aspect of the present invention is a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means of saving an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other of an identification number managing apparatus and all or a part of communications

means of forwarding said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment.

Please replace the section beginning at page 8, line 19:

An additional aspect of the present invention is a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25:

A still additional aspect of the present invention is a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means of saving an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other in an identification number managing apparatus, all or a part of communications means of forwarding said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment, and all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment in an identification number managing system.

Please replace the section beginning at page 9, line 15:

A yet additional aspect of the present invention is a program which makes a computer execute all or some of:

Please replace the section beginning at page 10, line 4:

an establishment step at which said plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment establish a configuration ROM which contains said identifier or an identification number managing method.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 8:

A still yet additional aspect of the present invention is a medium which can

be processed by a computer and holds a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means of saving an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other of an identification number managing apparatus and all or a part of communications means which forwards said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19:

A supplementary aspect of the present invention is a medium which can be processed by a computer and holds a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1:

A still supplementary aspect of the present invention) is a medium which can be processed by a computer and holds a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory means, which saves an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate independently of each other in an identification number managing system all or a part of communications means which forwards said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment, and all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment.

Please replace the section beginning at page 11, line 17:

A yet supplementary aspect of the present invention is a medium which can be processed by a computer and holds a program which makes a computer execute all or some of:

Please replace the section beginning at page 12, line 7:

an establishment step at which said plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment establish a configuration ROM which contains said identifier or an identification

number managing method.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 4:

Next, Fig. 2 is a drawing showing an example of the format of EUI-64 within the IEEE1394 instruments according to this preferred embodiment. In Fig. 2, node_vendor_ID 210 in the upper row is a number which is unique to a manufacturer of the IEEE1394 equipment, the product code 220 is a number which is common to the respective 1394 instruments and corresponds to an identification number or identifier of the present invention. Of these, the product code 220 is an example of data held in chip_id_hi. Meanwhile, the date of manufacture 230, an identification code 240 and a serial number 250 are an example of data held in chip_id_lo. The identification code 240, in particular, is a code for identifying each one of the IEEE1394 instruments A101 through C103 which are in the product.

Please replace the section beginning at page 16, line 11:

First, it is assumed that the identification code 240 of the IEEE1394 instrument A101 is 01h, the identification code 240 of the IEEE1394 instrument B102 is 02h, the identification code 240 of the IEEE1394 instrument C103 is 03h and the respective identification codes are stored in the bit processing means 301, 302 and 303, respectively. It is also assumed that the bit processing means 301, 302 and 303 do not hold any data other than the identification code 240 in relation to EUI-64s.

Please replace the section beginning at page 20, line 25:

Furthermore, although the foregoing has described that the EUI-64 memory apparatus holds EUI-64s which are adapted to configuration ROMs complying with IEEE1212 of the respective IEEE1394 instruments according to the preferred embodiment above, the present invention is not limited to this. Instead, the format of data processed between the EUI-64 memory apparatus 100 and the bit processing means 301 through 303 before included in configuration ROMs may be